#### CASSIED BRACKETT.

WAIL OF THE TRUSTFUL SARA-TOGIAN, BUNCOED! BUNCOED!

Apostle of Truth and Faith Himself (As Witness His Loyalty to Worden), It Pains Him Where He Is Tenderest to Lose His United States Senator.

Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, in a prepared statement for a New York Democratic newspaper, told yesterday of the compact between the Odellites and the Blackites by which Chairman Odell was to supplant Senator Platt as Republican leader of the State and Black was to succeed Depew in the United States Senate,

"Something over a year ago I-was asked by Gov. Odell to join in a project that would make him the chairman of the State committee, Gov. Black United States Senator to succeed Mr. Depew, and effect a general reorganization of the party in the State. I agreed to give to the movement such help

Since the original talk with Gov. Cdell he has repeatedly gone over the situation, and always declared his purpose to support Gov. Black to the utmost. It was at his urgent request that Gov. Black become a candidate, against his own judgment, and with many misgivings that Gov. Odell would prove a quitter, as he has done."

Senator Brackett then goes on to tell of what occurred at the recent conferences at the Republican Club, where, he says, Odell resorted to "subterfuge"; one hour Odell pledged himself to all present that he would carry out his end of the compact, and within a few hours came his declaration for Senator Dopew. Senator Brackett says that Mr. Odell "finally gave as his only reason that it would break one of the dearest friendships of his lifetime should he persist in his support of Gov. Black.

"It was suggested that when the bargain was struck by which he was made the chairman, and by which Gov. Black was to become the Senator, it was not made conditional upon approval by E. H. Harriman, and that a failure to keep his agreement might result in breaking some other friendships. He finally said that we would surely be beaten, but he would stick, precisely as he had agreed."

Then Mr. Brackett plaintively closes with this remarkable peroration:

"Yes, I've learned-learned some things and some men. But I've held to the truth. broken no faith and fought in the open. I hope that every one connected with the transaction has the same comforting reflection, but I doubt it."

One of the comforting reflections to Senator Brackett in having "held to the truth and broken no faith" was recalled by Republicans yesterday. They told how in April last Senator Brackett in carrying out his end of the compact to make Odell State leader turned on the friend of a lifetime, the friend who gave him his first nomination for Senator in the Twenty-eighth district who started him in political life and gave him the opportunities for wealth which Senator Brackett has seized with such Springs. Worden was Brackett's political creator, just as Platt was Odell's.

at large to the national convention. Wor- in Texas to his place of residence. Avenue Hotel in April last when the new | up between them. was to make Odell chairman. Without a word of warning to Worden, Brackett | Proceedings were begun ten days ago joined hands with Representative Littauer of Fulton and Hamilton and defeated Worden for State committeeman and elected in his place Cyrus Durey, Littauer's postmaster at Johnstown. Brackett did this as part of the compact with Odell to give Odell control of the State committee and thus make Odell boss of the organization. Brackett has never even lisped to Worden why, without a moment's warning, he in "truth and faith" turned on Worden and humiliated the man who started him in

Within the last year THE SUN has given on a number of occasions the facts of the Odell-Black compact, and on Sunday, Oct. 17, when a representative of THE SUN was in Troy he sent the following, which was printed in THE SUN the following day: Governor-Chairman Odell's promise to Mr. Black to make him United States Senaor in place of Mr. Depew is viewed here from two different aspects, one being that the Governor-Chairman will not keep his promise, and the other being that Mr. Odell intends to take the Senatorship himself, if he can get it. The followers of Mr. Black in Rensselaer have had no confidence in Governor-Chairman Odell's promises since Black, Prison Superintendent Collins and others were interested, to please Bdhere say that he is living in a fool's paradise if he accepts Mr. Odell's promise in this mat-

Republican party life.

had to take the chairmanship himself. county Republican friends of Mr. Black say that he is to be thrown aside, at the oper time by the Governor-Chairman, just over it is insistent testimony that Louis F. Payn of Columbia county cannot save Mr. Black from Governor-Chairman Odell's

Governor-Chairman Odell, one of his Black, because he has seen to it that Mr. city have been very well provided for at Albany and elsewhere, and that he can with impunity turn down Mr. Black for United States Senator, just as at Chicago last June he turned down William C. Warren of Buffalo, after promising to make Mr. Warren Republican national committeeman for this state. Mr. Warren was cut to the heart by the humiliation, a humiliation which was rnown all over the United States, because Mr. Odell had been so publicly profuse in his declarations that he would make Mr.

Yet Mr. Warren did not dare to show the slightest resentment to Mr. Odell, because the Governor-Chairman had seen to it that Mr. Warren had been very well provided for in graft enterprises, both in Buffalo and Alban Just so when the time comes neither Mr. Black, nor Mr. Payn, nor "Corneel" Collins, nor any other important Republican friends of Mr. Black will dare resent Mr. Odell's perildy to the chieftain they so in-tensely admire. Besides, Mr. Odell does not trust Mr. Black nor Mr. Payn; he does not t is known, he even does not trust himself This, though, is but natural, according to Republicans here who know of the com-

have only reaped what they have sown, and Deacon Brackett's "truth and faith" to Mr. Worden, Brackett's political creator, is one of the peculiarly fetching incidents of the present situation.

When Senator Platt's attention was called to Mr. Brackett's statement, he

"Senator Brackett is sore because Black lost, and he does not take his disappointment as philosophically as Mr. Payn does. I should want to have that statement confirmed before I took much stock in it. I ver pay any attention to what a crazy

"Do you know anything of a pact made, as Mr. Brackett says, by Mr. Odell a year ago, by which Odell was to be elected State chairman and Black United States Senator?" "Ne, I don't. That was too long ago to think about now."

#### BLACK NOT TO RETIRE.

His Republican Friends in Troy Say He Will

Not Get Out of Politics. TROY, Dec. 31 .- The story printed in the Troy Record, a Republican paper which is not wholly in accord with the Republican administration in this city, that Frank S. Black, soured by his defeat for United States Senator, intended to retire from politics and give his whole time to the practice of law in New York, was denied to-night by the closest political friends of Mr. Black. Superintendent of Prisons C. V. Collins, one of Mr. Black's closest friends and lieutenants,

was seen at the Elks Club to-night and said:

"So far as I know, there is no truth whatever in the statement. We all want Mr. Black for our leader and expect he will continue in that position. He has not said anything to me to the contrary. He has not said a word about leaving this city or getting out of politics. On the contrary, I think he will remain just where he is for a long time to come. He has no feeling in this Senatorship matter, except the duplicity of Gov. Odell."

Mr. Black himself could not be reached. was seen at the Elks Club to-night and said: Black himself could not be reached at his home to-night.

Kehoe Is Senator From the Seventh.

The Court of Appeals has decided that James J. Kehoe is entit ed to his seat as a State Senator for the Seventh district of Kings county. Harry A. Hanbury, the Republican leader of the Seventh Assembly district, filed a protest against his nomination, and the Board of Election refused to accept the nomination. Then Supreme Court Justice Kelly reversed the board. and the Appellate Division sustained Justice

New Assistant District Attorney in Queens Col. James A. Gray of Flushing, Assistant District Attorney of Queens county, resigned yesterday. District Attorney Gregg accepted the resignation. Former Assemblyman Joseph Fitch was appointed to succeed Col. Gray and immediately as-sumed the duties of the office.

Woodruff Dinner for Depew

Former Lieutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff will give a dinner to United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew at the Ten Eyck, Albany, on Tuesday evening. All the Republican Senators and Assemblymen from Kings county will be present.

ARMY OFFICER DIVORCED. Wife Wouldn't Live With Lieut. A. J. Greer,

and He Gets a Decree. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 31.-Lieut. Allen avidity. This friend was the Hon. William J. Greer of the United States Army, now W. Worden, now postmaster at Saratoga at Fort Snelling, Minn., obtained an absolute divorce this morning from Augusta Goodhue Greer. Judge Galloway of the In April last Worden came to New York | Second Circuit Court granted it on the city to participate in the Republican State | ground that the defendant refused to remove convention which was to name delegates | with her husband from her father's home

den had been a power in the party for many | The attorney for the defendant admitted years and had declared over and over again | that the charges were true and after the that Platt would be leader of the party as | hearing, which was in chambers, Judge long as he lived. Worden wanted to be Galloway quickly untied the knot and reelected State committeeman for the restored the maiden name of the defendant Twenty-fifth Congress district, which is to Augusta Goodhue. The marriage was made up of the counties of Fulton, Ham- the culmination of a romance. The bride ilton, Montgomery, Warren and Saratoga. accompanied her husband to the Philip-

> Lieut. Greer is a member of a Memphis family, being a son of Judge J. M. Greer.

MUNICIPAL ASPHALTING PLANT As Well as Municipal Lighting Plant Up for Consideration.

Mayor McClellan, in his annual message, which will be read at a special meeting of the Aldermen to-morrow, will, it is understood, have a great deal to say on the public lighting question. He will urge the Aldermen to cooperate in the establishment of a municipal electric lighting plant.

It will be several days before Comptroller Grout will make an attempt to probe into the inner workings of the Consolidated Gas Company. While it is expected that the inner workings of the Consolidated Gas Company. While it is expected that the officials of this company will follow the example of the heads of the New York Edison Company and refuse to attend the Comptroller's inquisition, Mr. Grout is having collated the information he has obtained regarding the cost of producing and distributing gas. This work is being undertaken by Henry Yonge, the Comptroller's personal counsel, and ex-Senator T. F. Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly said yesterday that it would be at least a week before T. F. Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly said yester-day that it would be at least a week before the information upon which it is proposed o examine the gas company's representa-ives could be tabulated. He added that ernor-Chairman Odell's promises since this information showed that the company vetoed the Troy bridge bill, in which rad charged the city exorbitant prices. Commissioner Oakley has assigned Charles F. Lacombe of his department to help Comptroller Grout in the invosti-gation. Mr. Lacombe is in charge of the

gation. Mr. Lacombe is in charge of the surface construction work of the gas and electricity bureaus. Recently he wrote a report asserting that the prices charged by the lighting companies were too high.

Although the annual report of the Bureau ter, and they point out that Governor- Chairman Odell has not kept faith with Senator Although the annual report of the Bureau of Highways, which was sent yesterday to Borough President Ahearn, declared that much of the complaint made against the asphalt companies for not repairing their pavements was not justified, it touched upon the proposal to establish a municipal-asphalt plant. Such a plant, it was stated, "if properly conducted, would be a benefit to the city," More than thirty miles of streets were paved with asphalt last year. Uncompleted work for which contracts have been made covers fifteen miles additional. In showing that the contractors have tried to live up to the repairing clauses of their agreements the report points out that more than 25,000 holes and breakages in pavements have been repaired. The asphalt of Park row will be laid on a cement foundation. Platt and even when he turned out Col. Dunn, Platt's chairman of the State committee, he wouldn't trust any Republican in the place. but was so suspictous of treachery that he

#### will be laid on a cement foundation JEWELLED LION'S TOOTH GONE. Director Smith of the Park Menagerie

Loses an Old Charm. A general alarm was read in all the police stations yesterday for a lion's tooth. In the tooth are a garnet, two rubies and four opals. The big end is set in gold,

on which is the representation of a lion. The animal that originally owned the tooth had been in the private menagerie of the Sultan of Morocco. One day one of the women of the harem thought it would be fun to pull his mane. The lion missed the point of the joke and bit her arm severely. Carl Hagenbok of Ham-burg bought the animal cheap while the injured lady's anger was still warm and

ok it to Germany. When the animal died he had the long tooth set and presented it to Director Smith of the Central Park menagerie. Mr. Smith were the tooth as a watch-charm when he boarded a downtown Madi-

on avenue trolley car for the park on plaints of many Republicans against Gover-par-Chairman Odell's steadfastness.

Black, Brackett & Co., in other words, he got to the Arsenal the tooth was gone.

# TWO NEW O'BRIEN WITNESSES.

SALOON KEEPER SMITH HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Jerome Says That O'Brien Is in a Bad Way and That There's Trouble in Store for Smith-New Witnesses Are Messengers, Who Say They Saw Shooting.

William H. Smith, one of the proprietors of the saloon at 23 Bowery, known as "The Dump," was remanded without bail to the Centre street police court yesterday morn-Smith is accused of having shot William O'Brien, the ex-convict, who was the principal witness against Policeman Arthur Mallon of the West Sixty-eighth street station, convicted of manslaughter. Mallon shot Robert Brennan in front of the saloon where O'Brien was shot.

baloon where O'Brien was shot.

District Attorney Jerome, who appeared in court, announced that O'Brien's condition was serious and that there was trouble in store for Smith, even if O'Brien

The witness against Smith is Cornellus J. Donlon, a stenographer, who says he saw Smith shoot O'Brien. saw Smith shoot O'Brien.

It was after Donlon was brought to the District Attorney's office that a warrant was issued for Smith. Before the warrant could be served Smith appeared at the Eldridge street station and surrendered. Mr. Jerome was very anxious to find out yesterday afternoon how Smith succeeded in learning so soon that he was wanted. Sadie Ennis, the girl who was arrested early vesterday morning on suspicion early yesterday morning on suspicion of knowing something about the shooting, was discharged after she had been examined by Mr. Jerome. Mr. Jerome decided that she didn't know anything about the shooting.

District Attorney Jerome said yesterday that he was satisfied that Detectives Loh-meyer and Schmidt of the Eldridge street station had not turned away from the station any witness or witnesses who know

anything about the shooting.
Capt. Flood got two more witnesses last night to the shooting of O'Brien.
James J. Brady of 252 West 133d street and Joseph McGiven of 3 West 102d street, messenger boys employed by the Postal Telegraph Company.

Brady, who works in the telegraph office

Brady, who works in the telegraph office at Thirtieth street and Broadway, walked into the Tenderloin station early in the evening and told the sergeant that he had seen O'Brien shot and wanted to tell about He was sent down to the Eldridge street station in charge of a policeman.

Capt. Flood examined him. He said he

Capt. Flood examined him. He sald he and his friend McGiven went into the saloon at 23 Bowery about 3:15 o'clock on the morning of the shooting. O'Brien was standing before the bar rowing with Smith.

"You're sticking up for the dagoes, you——," he heard O'Brien say.
Then Smith jumped the bar with a pistol in his hand. "I'll plug you, you——," Smith yelled and fired. O'Brien dodged behind the door and Smith went toward him, spluttering curses. "Come out of that and I'll give you another." he

oward him, spluttering curses. "Come ut of that and I'll give you another," he houted. O'Brien ran for the street and

shouted. O'Brien ran for the street and Smith fired again.

He was about to take another shot, Brady said, when a gray haired old man grabbed his arm and begged him to put up the revolver. Smith put it in his pocket and went behind the bar. He said to the crowd: "I'd go to the chair for that \_\_\_\_\_\_."

Capt. Flood questioned Brady sharply and asked him to describe the men. The boy gave a close description of both O'Brien and Smith, which convinced the captain that he had seen the affair.

Then McGiven was sent for. His story tallied in every detail with Brady's and he also was able to describe Smith and O'Brien.

O'Brien. The police detained both boys as wit-John Kelly, the bartender who served Brady and McGiven, who are minors, with

drinks, was locked up last night for viola-tion of the excise law. BROWN CO. GETS CITY PRINTING.

Officials Decide That Lower Bidder Has Not Adequate Plant. The contract for the printing of the City Record was awarded yesterday to the Martin B. Brown Company, thus throwing out the bid of Frank W. Harmon, the head Brackett and Worden met at the Fifth pines, but when returning coolness sprung of the Burr Printing Company, which was about 20 per cent. lower. Before reaching about 20 per cent. lower.

this decision the Board of City Record his paper.

"Well," said the cashier, "you see, we had "Well," said the cashier, "you see, we had bids were opened a week ago Mayor McClellan, as chairman of the board, directed the employment of an expert to ascertain if the Burr company's plant was large enough to do the city's printing. This expert reported to the board that the plant was inadequate, and his report was backed up by Supervisor Tracy of the City Record. Counsel for Mr. Harmon said that the Burr company would provide all the additions to its plant that would be needed to conry out the contract, and added that the company would give bonds to fulfil the contract. Finally, on the motion of Comptroller Grout, the board adopted resolution that it was "for the best interests of the city" that the Brown company should have

the contract. This resolution, it was stated after the meeting, was almost word for word with the one adopted last year on the motion of Mayor Low. The then board gave the con-tract to the Brown company, although it was not the lowest bidder.

M'ABOO RECEIVES THE POLICE Officers in Plenty Turn Up, but Few of the Rank and File.

Commissioner McAdoo yesterday gave reception to the members of the police force. At noon the inspectors and captains were admitted into the trial room. where the Commissioner and his deputies stood in line to receive them.

Later the rest of the force was invited to shake hands, but outside of a few sergeants and some roundsmen, the attendance

was slim. Inspector Cross was conspicuous in a new uniform at the officers' line-up. Capt. Baldwin, who until recently thought him-self an inspector, attended in citizens' clothes. He was very apparently ill at ease, and his features looked strained when he said: "I wish you a happy New Years, Commissioner." The Commissioner's hand-

commissioner. The commissioner's haddenshake never wavered.

Capt. Albertson, who lost his rank at the same time with Baldwin, and who is on duty in the Headquarters building, did not go into the trial room.

Inspector W. W. McLaughlin, who recently took command of the Fourth discontinuous command cently took command of the Fourth dis-trict, received a hearty greeting from the Commissioner, and the two afterward held

FOURTEEN FIREMEN HURT. An \$800,000 Fire in the Business District of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. - Battling against smoke and flames and in peril from tottering walls, the fire department carried on one of the hardest struggles of the year to-day, when the quarters of the Zeno Manufacturing Company, the Rubber Paint Company, the Cash Buyers Union, the First National Cooperative Society,

the Pirst National Cooperative Society,
the Peninsular Stove Company, and four
smaller buildings, from 152 to 170 West
Van Buren street, were destroyed.
Fourteen fire fighters were seriously
injured by falling walls. The aggregate
property loss is estimated at \$830,800. The
fire started in the inflammable stock of the
Cash Buyers Linion a mail order concern. Cash Buyers Union, a mail order concern, and before it was discovered had spread to the offices of the First National Coto the offices of the First National Co-operative Society in the same building. From this structure, seven stories in height, the flames spread to the five story quarters of the Zeno Manufacturing Company and the Rubber Psint Company, and in the opposite direction to the seven story block occupied by the Peanley at Stove Com-

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THE HON. W. R. HEARST GETS THE MARKET AWAY.

Serious Minded Efforts to Sell New Ones for a Quarter Countered by Flooding the Market With Almanaes for 1904 and 1903 at 15 Cents and 10 Cents.

Before you buy an almanac in these early days of the New York year, look at the date of publication. The Hon. William Randolph Hearst is having his little New Year joke

at the expense of the dear peepul. Yesterday, while the serious minded newspapers were trying to sell, in Park row, almanaes for the year of grace 1905 at 25 cents per, there were put forth in opposition several wagonloads of left over copies of the "American Almanac, Year Book, Cyclopædia and Atlas" of the vintages of 1903 and 1904, which were sold at 10 cents and 15 cents. The two-year-olds brought 10 cents and the yearlings 15 cents.

And how they did sell! The 1905 almanacs of the World and the Tribune never had a chance on earth. What was the use of paying 25 cents for one of these when a bigger book, with cherry red edges and bound in lovely blue boards, could be had for a dime. The selling agents, mature and immature fakers, were altogether too wise to say anything about the date of publication, and few of the purchasers asked any

The point of distribution was Bridge arch No. 2. On the interior walls of the arch were large signs bearing this legend:

> POSITIVELY NO SMOKING, W. R. HEARST.

Gathered around this depot of distribution were fakers of all ages and sizes with money in their hands waiting to have the number of ancient almanacs they had con-tracted for handed out to them. The tracted for handed out to them. The prevailing wholesale rates were eight cents apiece, although, while there was still a supply of the 1904 edition, the price for job lots, so the fakers said, was nine cents.

Once loaded up, the selling agents hustled away to sell. They even took their stand in front of the Sub-Treasury, where bricks of real gold only are sold, and the unsuspicious Wall Street men bought the tomes without any question.

"What then can be do ing the evil? The na can be so amended as, "First, to prohibit real".

picious Wall Street in without any question.

An explanation of Mr. Hearst's little An explanation of Mr. Hearst's little

a lot of these old almanacs on hand and we wanted to get rid of them, because we won't have any others to sell this year. Wo'rt have any others to sen this year.
We're not issuing a 1905 almanac. So, as
I understand it, the whole lot of old ones
was sold to one man and he sold them where
he could. But they're fine books. I've
got one of 'em, the 1904 edition, which I
bought last New Year's, and I paid 50 cents

for it. The books are about as good as they were when published and the people are getting them for 10 cents. I tell you, it's one of the greatest bargains ever. LIES TOLD IN COURTSHIP Are No Just Cause for Annulment of

Marriage, Says Justice Dickey. Supreme Court Justice Dickey in Brooklyn yesterday handed down a decision in the suit of Beatrice Ethel Wood against Seymour Victor Wood to annul a marriage contracted in Nottingham, England, two days after their arrival, and only six, days after first meeting on board the steamer that took them to the other side, in which he gives judgment for the defendant and refuses the annulment. Justice Dickey philosophically discusses the probability of a vast amount of lying during courtship, and declares that if it were Est cause for action there would be a

crowded calendar in the courts. Mrs. Wood in her testimony given at the gial of the case recently said she had met Seymour Victor Wood on the Lucania while returning to England in September, 1903. She said that Wood spoke to her mother and She said that Wood spoke to her mother and herself on the deck of the steamer and introduced himself as the son of Major-Gen. Victor Wood of the United States Army and an officeholder of New Jersey. She said that after the steamer arrived their engagement was announced and the marriage was celebrated two days later. At the trial, which was undefended, Wood having gone back to Europe, Justice Dickey asked the plaintiff if she had given time before marriage to ascertain the antecedents of the man she was binding herself to. She said she had cabled to a perself to. She said she had cabled to a per-son to whom Wood made reference, but

had failed to get a response.

"If you married him two days after you got off the steamer," said Justice Dickey, "you couldn't have made many inquiries

"you couldn't have made many inquintes in the meantime."

"We cabled over here." the plaintiff replied. "Mother and the trustees of our estate in England agreed to settle \$25,000 of my money on him, and he promised to do the same for me; but he never did match my \$25,000, and after a short time he became years anyious to get out of the scrape." ery anxious to get out of the scrape."

The plaintiff lived with her husband for

The plaintiff lived with her husband for sixty days, during which time she declared she paid all the expenses, both of travel and living. After the couple arrived in this country, Mrs. Wood says, she began an investigation. She produced affidavits to prove that Wood was an impostor, not being the son of Major-Gen. Wood, nor an officeholder in New Jersey, or any other State, so far as could be learned.

The court took occasion also to express The court took occasion also to express

an opinion on the subject of marriage in haste. He tells the plaintiff that "having made her bed she must lie on it." and dismicsie her plea for release summarily. Secretary Hay's Brother Taken Home.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.-Early this morning Charles E. Hay, ex-Mayor of Springfield and brother of Secretary of State John Hay, was brought to his home in this city from Boston, where he had been ill in a hospital for three months. He was taken ill when attending the G sneral Convention of the Episcopal Caurch. His LIEUT. O'SHEA MISSING.

Went to New Orleans Under an Assumed Name for Medical Treatment.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31 .- The disappearance of Lieut. Andrew O'Shea, who, under the alias of A. C. O'Sullivan, was staying at the St. Charles, has led to the belief that be committed suicide. O'Shea, who was a Lieutenant in the United States Army, is charged with the embezzlement of \$2,200 from the Philippine Scouts.

He entered the army from Detroit, served with distinction in the Philippines and was commissioned an officer of the Scouts when that force was organized. He was detailed to the St. Louis exposition, where, it is said, he lived far beyond his means. Two of the officers disappeared from St. Louis, a Captain of the Constabulary and Lieut. O'Shea, against both of whom charges of embezzlement were made.

O'Shea went to Mexico, where he is said to have a brother in the mining business. He met with an accident at the mining camp which threatened blood poisoning, and be returned to the United States under an assumed name for medical attention. He waited here for some time, expecting assistance from friends and relatives, and the assistance not coming he disappeared.

HOW TO ERADICATE POLYGAMY. Ex-Senator Edmunds Suggests What Can Be Done Toward Destroying the Evil.

The Hon. George F. Edmunds, former United States Senator from Vermont, in an opinion on the Mormon question, which will appear in the next issue of the Christian

"The practice of Mormon polygamy and the political influence of the hierarchy have been gradually and steadily expanded into the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma, and into the States of Idaho, Wyoming, California and Oregon. This is a condition of things that should receive the most serious consideration of the great body of the citizens of our country, to whom both the institution of polygamy and the interference or attempted interference of religious or professed religious organizations with the political autonomy of any republican country are abhorrent.

"What then can be done toward destroying the evil? The national Constitution

their punishment, and, United States or of any State to take and subscribe an oath that he or she is not and will not be a member of any organization whatever, the laws, rules or nature of which require him or her to disregard his or her duty to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the several States. "These two provisions would, it is be-lieved, have the effect, substantially, to eradicate the practice of polygamy in all the States and Territories alike, and would, likewise, prevent office holding, either under national or State jurisdiction, by persons who felt that they had any obligations of a civil or political character paramount to their obligations to the whole country or to their States.

"The first suggested amendment would in no wise interfere with State sovereignty, unless the State itself should desire either to establish or tolerate polygamous practices, for each State could prohibit and punish the same acts against its sovereignty it should (as it ought) choose to do

"The second suggested amendment does not in the least interfere with the sovereignty of any State, but the rather supports it; and it would be inconvenient and troublesome only to persons really unfaithful to their whole country or to their State or (as it ought to be) to any State or community which was willing that its chosen officers should be under obligations paramount to those they owe to their country, State or community.

I. M. PURDY'S HOUSE ROBBED. Negro Ransacked the Rooms While Family

Dined. The residence of Isaac M. Purdy at 304 West 137th street was robbed last Thursday night while the family were at dinner in the basement. The house is a three story brownstone and brick building. Mrs. Purdy said last night that from what she could learn the thief was a negro, smooth faced and wearing rather good

olothes.

Mrs. Purdy was so frightened over the robbery that she would not open the door yesterday when a Sun reporter called at the house; but she talked through the crack, with the chain on the door. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Purdy, their two daughters Grace and Catherine, and a marconsists of Mr. and Mrs. Furdy, their two
daughters Grace and Catherine, and a married daughter, Mrs. Roger Van Loam, who
also lives in the house with her husband.
They were all at dinner Thursday night,
except Mr. Van Loam and Catherine Purdy.
When Van Loam came in he saw a young
negro walking down the front steps, but
thought that he had been on some errand
at the burse and did not never never a sterrition. to the house and did not pay any attention to the incident. Later when mention was made of it at the table Mr. Purdy went was made of it at the table Mr. Purdy went upstairs to investigate. He found the chain off the front door. Then he and his son-in-law went to the second floor, and there they found that a thief had stripped the two bedrooms of all the jewelry and valuables he could carry away. The thief got five diamond rings, a gold watch, a gold necklace, \$8 in cash and a number of keepsakes that belonged to the daughters, all valued at \$500.

NEW SHANLEY RESTAURANT. Widow of the Original Proprietor to Run an Opposition Place Next Door.

Mrs. Rose P. Shanley, the widow of Bernard Shanley, took a lease yesterday of part of the buildings at 1204 to 1210 Broadway, next door to the old Shanley's, with a view to starting an opposition restaurant. The lease is for nineteen years and three months, at an annual rental of \$20,000 net. It goes into effect on Feb. 1, 1905, and the new restaurant will be ready for business by March 15. The property belongs to Maurice Rogalliner. The deal was made through 0. W. Clapp of Thomas & Eckerson. way, next door to the old Shanley's, with

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

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CONSERVATORY FOR A PRISON. Henry Phippe's Gift to a Penitentiary Opened-Music by the Convicts.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31 .- With only five guards to keep them in line, with no sentries on the prison walls, the 900 convicts in Riverside penitentiary to-day practically had the freedom of the prison, the occasion being the formal opening of the new \$10,000 conservatory given to the prison by Henry Phipps and which was intended as a Christmas gift, but which was not completed at the time.

Murderers and life term men were among the criminals who, for the time being, seemed only a step from freedom, and many of the 150 invited guests shivered when it was seen that only a handful of guards attended the desperadoes.

However, there was no outbreak, and the prisoners seemed to enjoy their walk through the big conservatory, and later a choir chosen from the male prisoners. accompanied by a band, went to the wing serenaded them. The women inmates their serenaders. Alexander Berkmann, doing twenty-two years for the attempted killing of H. C. Frick, led the procession of convicts into the conservatory.

MRS. WINTON ASKS DIVORCE. Wife of Morris F. Winton Asks a Decree

-Wedded Less Than Two Years. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 31.-Mrs. Emily Sterling Winton, daughter of George Curtis Sterling, manager of the New York office of Etna Life Insurance Company, filed an application for divorce and ali-\*First, to prohibit polygamous marriages | mony from her husband, Morris F. Winand plural cohabitation, and provide for ton, in the Superior Court to-day. The allegations of intemperance and cruelty

are set forth in her bill of particulars. Mr. and Mrs. Winton come of the wealthiest families in the city. Their marriage less than two years ago was a brilliant

less than two years ago was a brilliant function. There were nearly 1,000 guests at the wedding and people of social prominence from New York, Philadelphia and Washington attended.

Mr. Winton was a successful business man with a bright future. After an extended wedding trip the couple settled down in a handsome residence in a fashionable part of the city. To all outward appearances the union was happy, and surprise was accessed a few weeks ago by the separation of the East Fifty-first street station, and carried of the police of the East Fifty-first street station, and surprise was accessed a few weeks ago by the separation. caused a few weeks ago by the separation of the young couple. Friends predicted that their troubles would never reach the courts.

VANTINE CO. BUYS ITS STORE. An Interesting Purchase Bearing on the

Future of the Shopping District. James I. Raymond, president of A. A. Vantine & Co., bought yesterday the store in which the firm s business is now housed and several adjoining buildings. The property belonged to the estate of Solomon Loeb and comprised Nos. 873 to 879 Broadway, at the northwest corner of Eighteenth street. It has a Broadway frontage of 112 feet and extends 138 feet along Eighteenth

The location is regarded as one of the choicest in the Broadway shopping district. The purchase is particularly interesting because two well known houses have recently left the neighborhood for Fifth avenue. Among those that remain are Arnold, Constable & Co., W. & J. Sloane and Lord & Taylor.

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The Vantine store was founded some forty years ago by Ashley A. Vantine, and is said to have no counterpart either in New York or in London, Paris, Berlin or Vienna. It makes a specialty of dealing in Oriental fabrics and curios.

Anna Gartner Wants \$50,000. Anna Gartner of 53 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, has filed with Sheriff Hesterberg, in Kings county, papers in a suit for \$50,000 for breach of promise against Gustave Konigswald and also an order of arrest against the defendant. The comarrest against the defendant. The complaint states that in the fall of 1898 the parties to the action were living in the same house. On Christmas Day of that year, as alleged by Miss Gartner, the defendant proposed marriage and gave her a wedding ring, which she wore for months. She says that in June last defendant said he couldn't marry her and took away the ring, as well as \$315 of her money, which he had borrowed. She delares she has been demaged to the amount asked. damaged to the amount asked.

We Demand Arrest of Kurdish Chief. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31 .- The American Legation has sent a note to the Porte, requesting the arrest and punishment of the followers of the notorious Kurdish chief, Ibraham Pacha, who in Movember, 1904, attacked and robbed a caravan belonging to the American firm of Mac-Andrews & Forbes of Smyrna, Turkey.

American Extradited to Cape Colony.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Dec. 31 .- In the Bow Street police court to-day Arthur J. Braun, an American, was arraigned for extradition to Cape Colony. He is charged with having escaped from prison there while undergoing a sentence of seven years pend 'wr'hade

CODMAN ESTATE, \$1,000,000. Half Will Go to Harvard and Half to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Boston, Dec. 31.-Dividing an estate, which may reach \$1,000.000, equally between Harvard University and the Massachusetts General Hospital, the will of the late E. W. Codman of Boston and Nahant was filed at the Essex Registry of Probate in Salem

Mr. Codman was the last of his branch of the family, his nearest relatives having been four first cousins on his mother's side. who reside either in the State or in England, There is no hint that they will contest the probating of the will. This instrument made Mr. Codman's wife and daughter his heirs and named the two institutions mentioned as residuary legatees; but since both the direct beneficiaries are dead the estate

goes to public uses immediately. The volume of the estate can only be conjectured. Mr. Codman kept his business affairs closely to himself, and even his occupied by the women prisoners and attorneys can give no definite information as to the total. He did not consider himwere not allowed to gaze on the faces of self a rich man, as rich men go in these days but merely comfortably well off. Though he lived the life of a gentleman of leisure at his Marlboro street home and his summer residence at Nahant, his tastes were simple, and his enjoyments were sailing small yachts, and delving in the history of old These were not such as to make Boston. large encroachments upon his income.

> NEW SERVANT A THIEF. Charlotte's Advertisement for a Pefined

Maid Proves Disastrous. Alfonso C. Charlotte, who runs a conservatory of music at 52 West Forty-fifth street and lives in the same building, ad vertised in the papers a few days ago for a refined, gentle servant girl. Yesterday morning a girl, who said she was Agnes Duffy and that she lived at 212 East Twentyeighth street, got the job conditionally after she had told him where he might

last night they arrested "Agnes" at 760 Tenth avenue. She said her name was Tessie Sweeny and confessed to having taken the articles from Smith's rooms.

police got pawntickets for the most of THE NEW GREENPOINT PARK Report of the Commission as to Its Boun-

The commission consisting of Henry F. Haggerty, Edward J. Murtagh and George S. Billings appointed by the Supreme Court to estimate the value of lands to be taken for the new McCarren Park has completed its report, made its award and presented the papers to the Supreme Court for confirmation. The new park is to be in Greenpoint and is bounded by Berry street, Nassau avenue, Lorimer street, Bayard street, Union avenue and North Twelfth street. The total amount of the award is \$1,999,287,06. The highest awards are to the estate of J. Henry Hilton, \$281,506.46; Brooklyn Transportation Company (limited), \$188,158.33; estate of John J. Clancy, \$39,905.87; James Rutherford and A. W. Parnes, \$60,005.22; James A. McCafferty, \$67,652.80; New York Public Library, \$97,207.55 and National Licorice Company, \$51,584.91. F. Haggerty, Edward J. Murtagh and

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